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A BOOKE
CONTAINING DIVERS SORTES

of hands, as well the English as French secretarie
with the Italian, Roman, Chancelry & court hands.
Also the true & iust proportion of the capitall Romæ

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RVLES MADE BY E. B. FOR Children to write by.



O make comon ink, of wine take a quart,
Two ounces of gumme let that be a part,
Fiue ounces of gals, of copres take three,
Long standing doth make it better to be:
If wine ye do want, raine water is best,
And then as much stuffe as about at the
If inke be too thicke, put vineger in, (least:
For water doth make the colour more dimme.

To make Inke in haste.

In haste, for a shift, when ye haue great need,
Take wooll or woollen, to stand you in steed,
Which burnt in the fire, the powder beat small,
With vineger or water make inke withall.

To keepe Inke long.

If inke ye desire to keepe long in store,
Put bay salt therein, and it will not hore.

To make speciall blacke Inke.

If that common inke be not to your mind,
Some lampblacke thereto with gumme water grind:
Each painter can tell you how it should be done,
The cleaner out of your pen it will runne,
The same to be put in horne or in lead,
No cotton at all: when long it hath stayd,
The bottome will thicke, put more common inke:
And it will be good, well stird, as I thinke.

To make stanch graine.

Make stanch graine with allume beaten full small,
And twice as much rosin beaten withall:

With that in a faire clout knit very thin,
Rub paper or parchment before ye begin.

To chuse your Quill.

Take quill of a goose, that is somewhat round,
The third or fourth in the wing to be found:
And if sometime of those ye do want,
Take pinion as next when rauens quill is scant,
And rive it iust in the backe as may be,
For ragged your slit else shall you see,
Amidst the slip that runnes vp the quill:
Were it of gander ye do it not spill:
The feather shane off, the quill do not pare,
The stronger in hand your pen ye may beare.

To make your Pen.

Make clift without teeth, your pen good and hard,
Thinner, and shorter, on right hand regard:
The clift somewhat long, the neb not too short,
Then take it in hand in most comely sort.

To hold your pen.

Your thombe on your pen as highest bestow.
The forefinger next, the middle below:
And holding it thus in most comely wise,
Your bodie vpriht, stoupe not with your head:
Your breast from the boord, if that ye be wise,
Lest that ye take hurt, when ye haue well fed.

To make a good Pen-knife.

Your pen-knife as stay in left hand let rest,
The metall too soft nor too hard is best:

R V L E S F O R C H I L D R E N .

Too sharpe it may be, and so cut too fast:
If it be too dull, a shrewd turne for haste:
For whetstone, hard touch that is very good,
Slate or shooe sole is not ill but good.

How to sit writing.

Your body vpright, stoupe not with your head:
Your breast from the brood, when you haue well fed:
Inke alwayes good store on right hand to stand,
Browne paper for great haste, or else boxe with sand:
Dip pen, and shake pen, and touch pen for haire:
Waxe, quilles and pen knife see alwayes ye beare:
Who that his paper doth blurre or else blot,
Yeeldes me a flouten, it fallies him by lot:
In learning full slow write at beginning,
For great is your losse and small is your winning,
If at the first time an ill touch ye catch,
Vse onely is cause of speedie dispatch.

How to write faire.

To write very faire, your pen let be new,
Dish, dash, long taile flie, false writing eschew:
Neatly and cleanly your hand for to frame,
Strong falked pen vfe, best of a rauen.
And comely to write, and giue a good grace,
Leaue betweene each word (a) letters space,
That faire and teenly your hand may be read,
Keepe quen your letters at foote and at head,
With distance alike betweene letter and letter:
One out of others shewes much the better.

Scholler to learne, it may do you pleasure,
To rule him two lines iust of a measure:
Those two lines betweene to write very iust,
Not aboue or below write that he must:
The same to be done is best with blacke lead,
Which written betweene, is cleansed with bread:
Your pen from your booke, but seldome remoue,
To follow strange hand with drie pen first proue.
Many one writeth, the example lying by,
Whoso on the same doth neuer set eye:
But he that will learne with speed for to write,
To marke his example must haue his delight,
Letter and tittle to make as the same,
And so shall the scholler be voyd of all blame.

Necessarie things belonging to writing.

And one thing well marke, your selfe well to ease,
That none but best hands may alwayes best please:
Both farre off and neare for faire hands do seeke,
And them safe as gold, see that thou well keepe;
And neuer let rest thy hand for to frame,
Vntill that thou write as faire as the same.
To writing belongs good things two or three:
As drawing and painting, and eke Geometrie,
The which I would wish each wight to obtaine:
But surely to some it were too great paine.
So fare you well, without booke well learne,
These Rules I giue, which are as the sterne,
To rule a good Scholler, which doth his mind bend,
To follow good counsell, and so I do end.

E N D .

HOW YOU OUGHT TO
hold your Penne.



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DE THOROYD VYOM
: Romana semilupina :

Diligentia in omnibus rebus plurimum
valet: hac præcipuè colenda est nobis, hac
semper adhibenda, nihil est quod non hac
assequatur: qua una virtute omnes reliq;
virtutes continentur.

A.B.C.D.E.F.G.H.I.K.L.M.N.O.P.

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Secretario Vpale.

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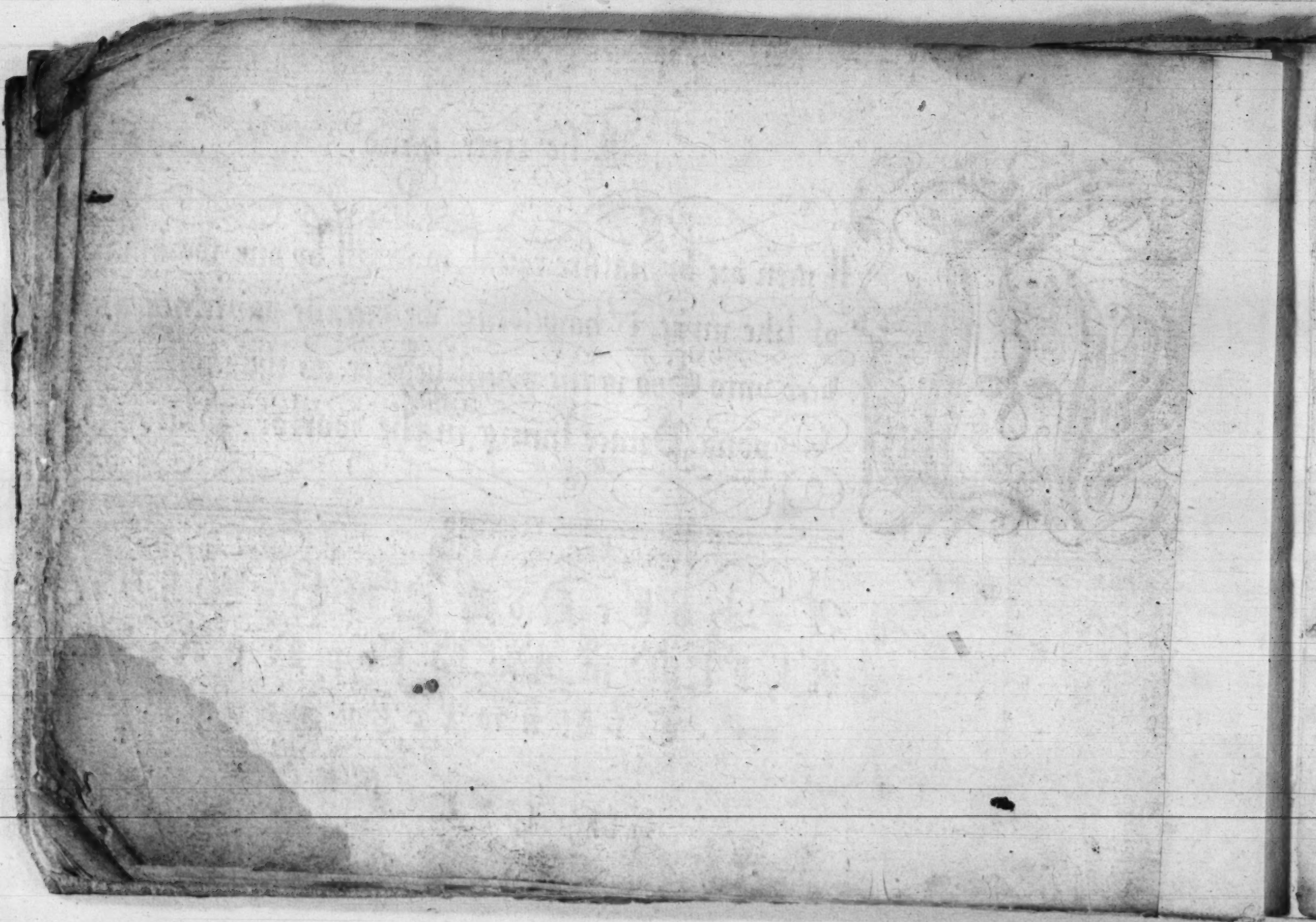


All men are by nature equal, made all by one workman
of like myre, & howe soeuer we deceaue our selues as
dere vnto God is the poorest begger, as the molte pom-
pous Prince liuing in the worlde. Plato

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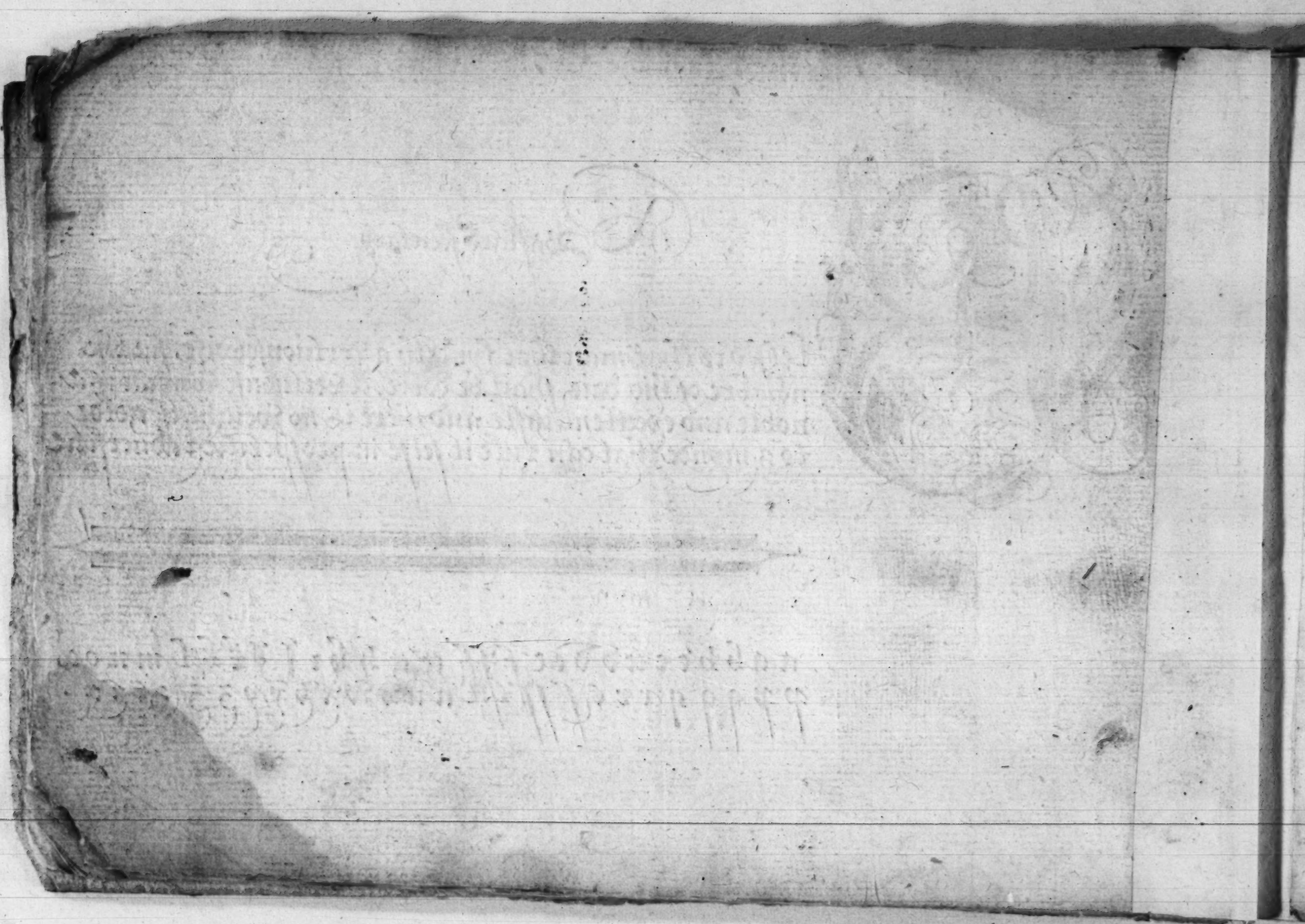


Bastard secretary

Lessed is that man that fyndeth a vertuose wife, for the
nombre of his daies shall be doble. A vertuose woman is a
noble and excellent giste and there is no weicht of golde
to a mynde that can rule it selfe in prosperitie & aduersitie

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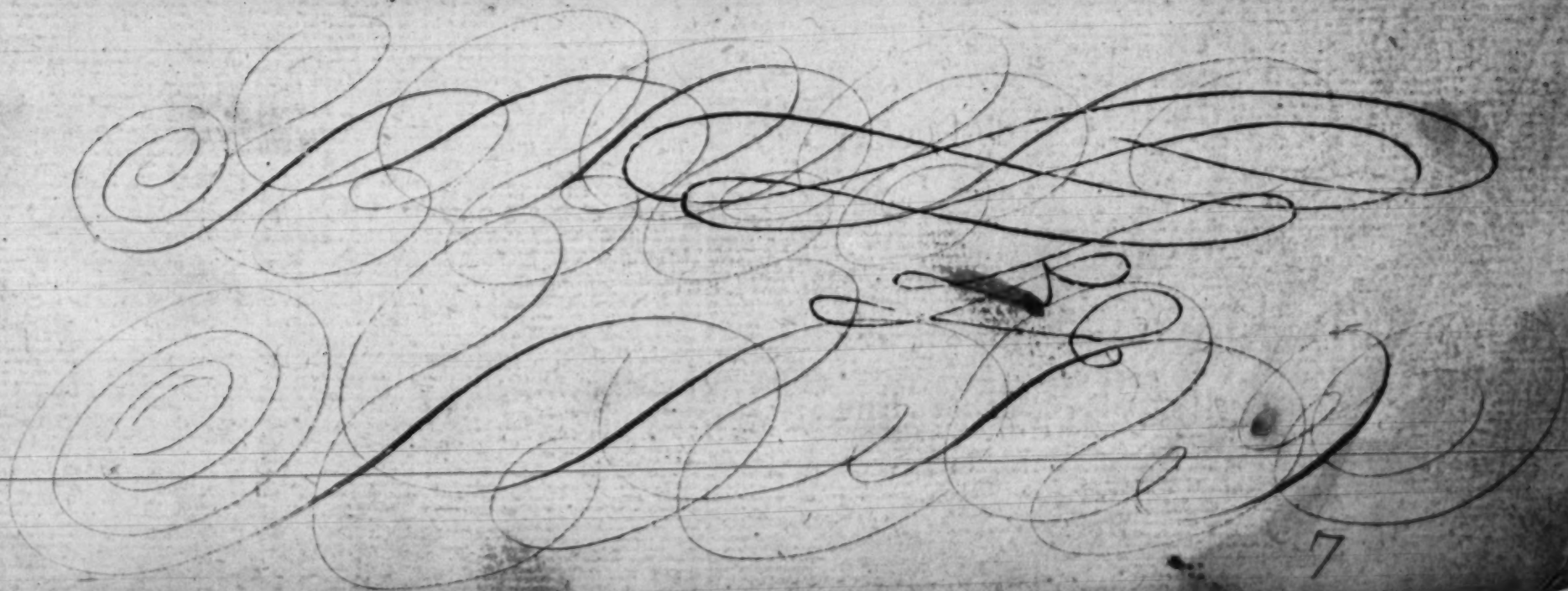
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A small bastard secretary.

committ not the gouernance of the people to a child, to a foole,
to a couetouse manne, nor to hasty person that is desirouse of reue-
geance: but to the learned and prudent, being sober, ready to geue
counsaille having good reporte being experte in all godly lawes.



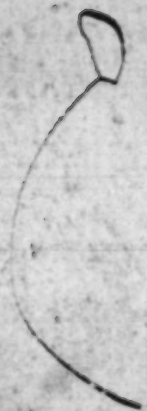




The secretary hand.

o nothing but that whiche is rightfull and iust: cleare to the truth.
 Abstayne from vyce. geue place to your betters and elders, refrayne
 from swearing, ymytate vertue, moderate your lust and affections,
 prayse honest thinges, hate debate, be mercifull to the penitent alwaye

a b c d e f g h i k l m n o p q r s t u v.
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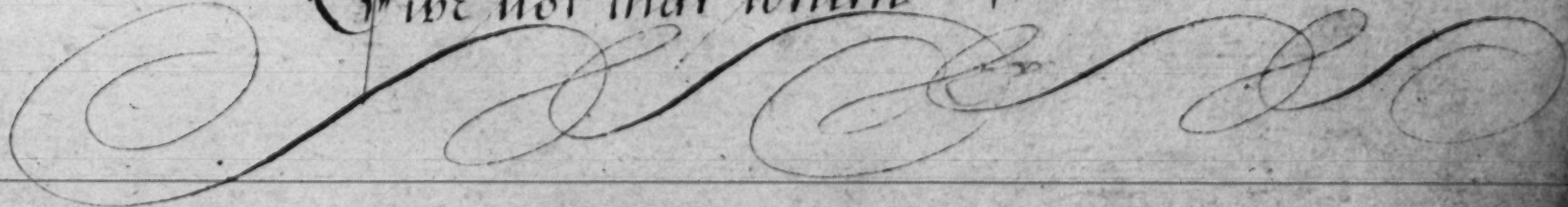
Secretarpe

ene not that whiche is holy vnto dogge, neither cast ye
your pearles before swyne, least they treade them vnder
their feete. and the other turne agayne and all to rent you
aye and it shalbe geuen you. seke and ye shall fynd helpe
maner to do.



a b c d e f g h i k l m n o p q r s t u v.

Give not that which





The invok
 The seth chauncery hande.



De deserveth great chastisement that
 with fearefull hardynes as a foole
 determyueth hymself in high and difficill
 thinges with hastie counsell whiche
 requireth long determyuacion & aduise.

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 l ll l y m m n n u u o o o o
 p p p p p Q q q r r r s s s
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Galien & Galien hand



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ſ talique bande

It is the part of a yonge man to reuerence his elders, and of ſuche
to chooſe out the beſte and moſte commended whoſe counſayle
and aucthoritie hee maye leane vnto: For the vniſkilfulneſſe of
tender yeares muſt by old mens experience, be ordered & gouern.

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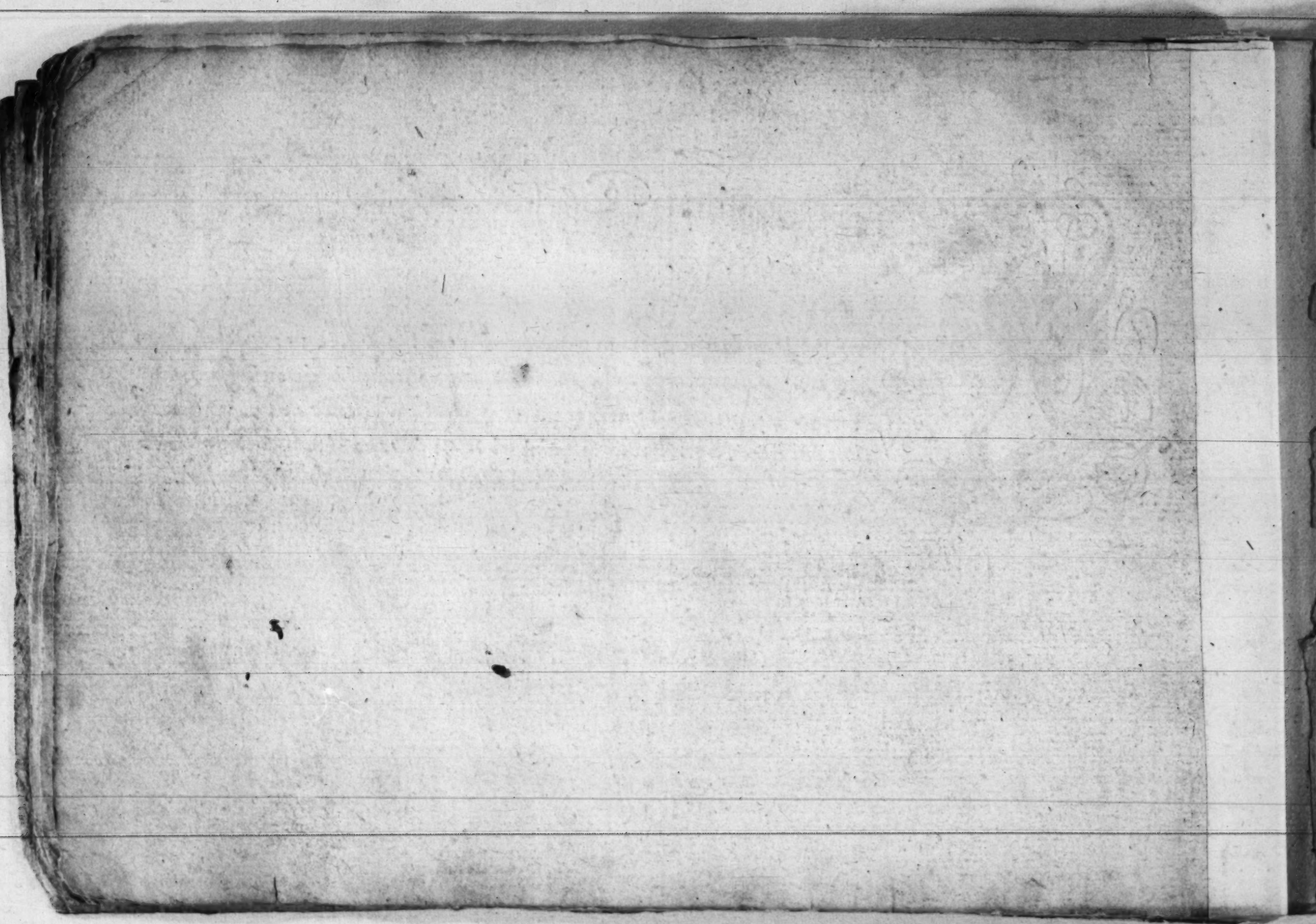


The secretarie hande



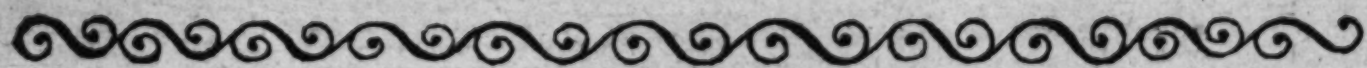
caruinge is vnto a wisemann a Jewell of golde and like an armylet vpon
his righte arme, a foolishse mannes foote is soone in his neighbours
house, but one that hath experience shalbe ashamed at the person of
the mightie, a folle will peep in at the windowe into the house, but
he that is well nountuned will stande withoute.

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Leine Remuofie & Sincere.

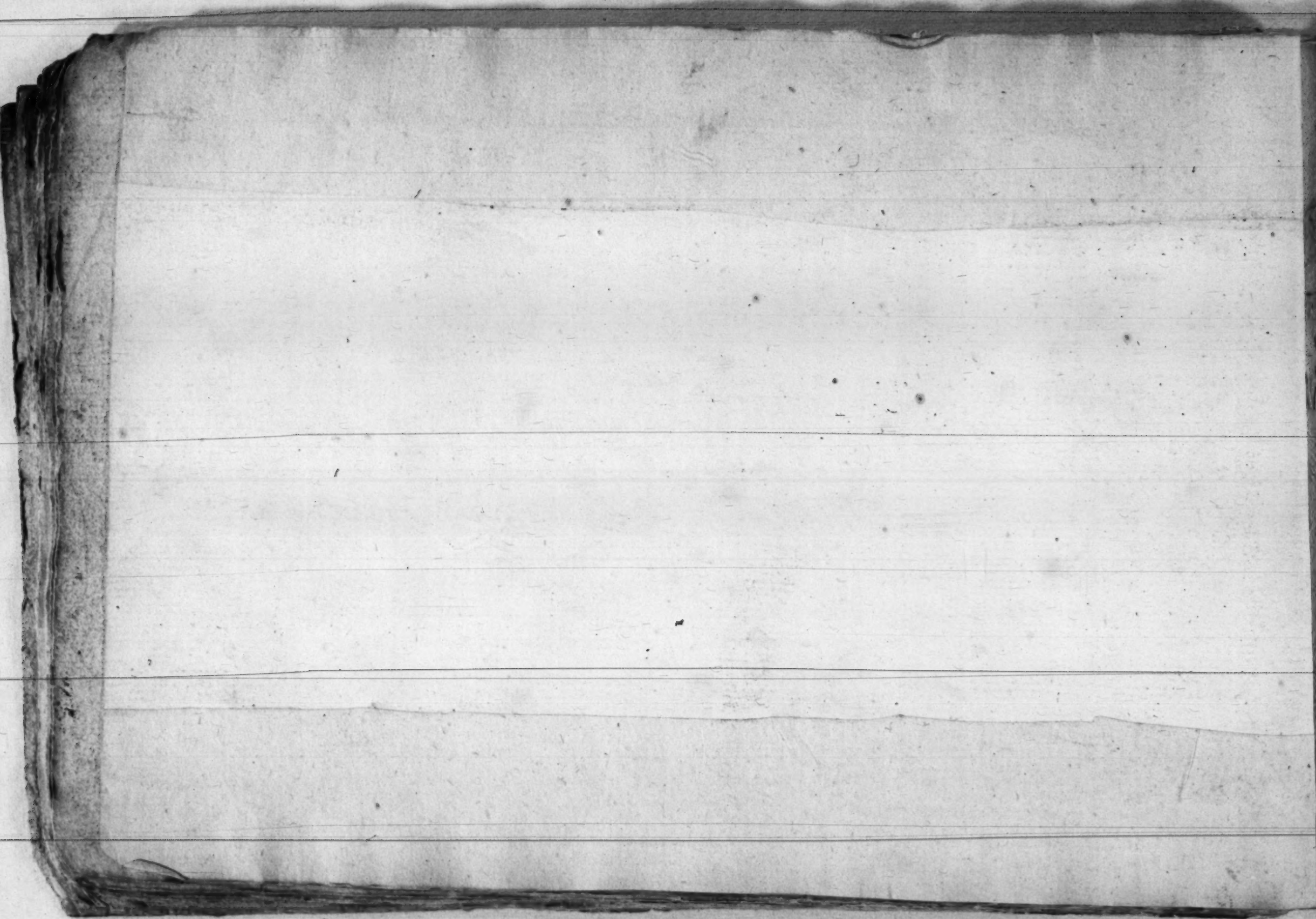
I am not at the works of sinners, but trust in the
Lord, and will be in thy service: for it is an easie thing
in the sight of the Lord suddenly to make a poore man
rich. the blessing of the Lord is in the wages of the gollie

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The bastarde secretary.

Omnis animi debilitata et humilis et fracta timiditas,
seruitus est verum Cicero inquit, nequissimum illum
esse seruum, cui mulier imperat; cui leges imponit, pre-
scribit, iubet, uetat quod uidetur: qui nihil imperanti &c.





Romaine letter.



Ouertie and shame is to him that refuseth instructiō:
But he that regardeth correction shalbe honoured.
A desyre accomplished deliteth the Soulc: but it is
an abomination to fooles to departe from euil doīge.

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Almighty

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Dear Mother

Almighty and most merciful Father who by Thy Son
 Thy only begotten Son and make them heirs of
 our inheritance and by Thy blessing through me
 and Jesus Christ and our only Saviour and
 God send Thy Spirit and all Thy grace and
 which have been within his house of blessing
 house for I know Thy and Father's goodness
 than any I know in our good family and
 in this world is and I know many of
 it is in such a state and every little child
 now more at present but that I am your
 affectionate son

William Caldwell

present in the
 period waiting in London
 now more for less if enough
 paid of it with our own money.

Almighty
 Father
 and
 Son
 and
 Holy
 Spirit

Italian Letter



uarell not with a mighty man, lest thou chaunce
to fall jnto his handes, and make not variaunce
with a riche man, lest he happen to bring yp
an hard quarell against thee.

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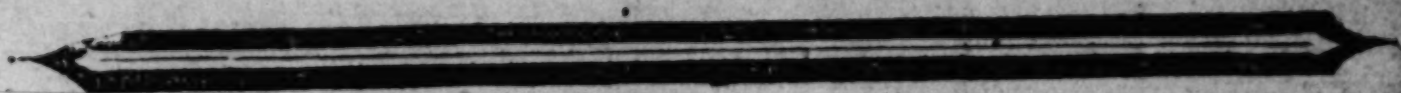
Si cupias scientiam

Quam quod nihil
est melius consulo
Tuorum amicorum

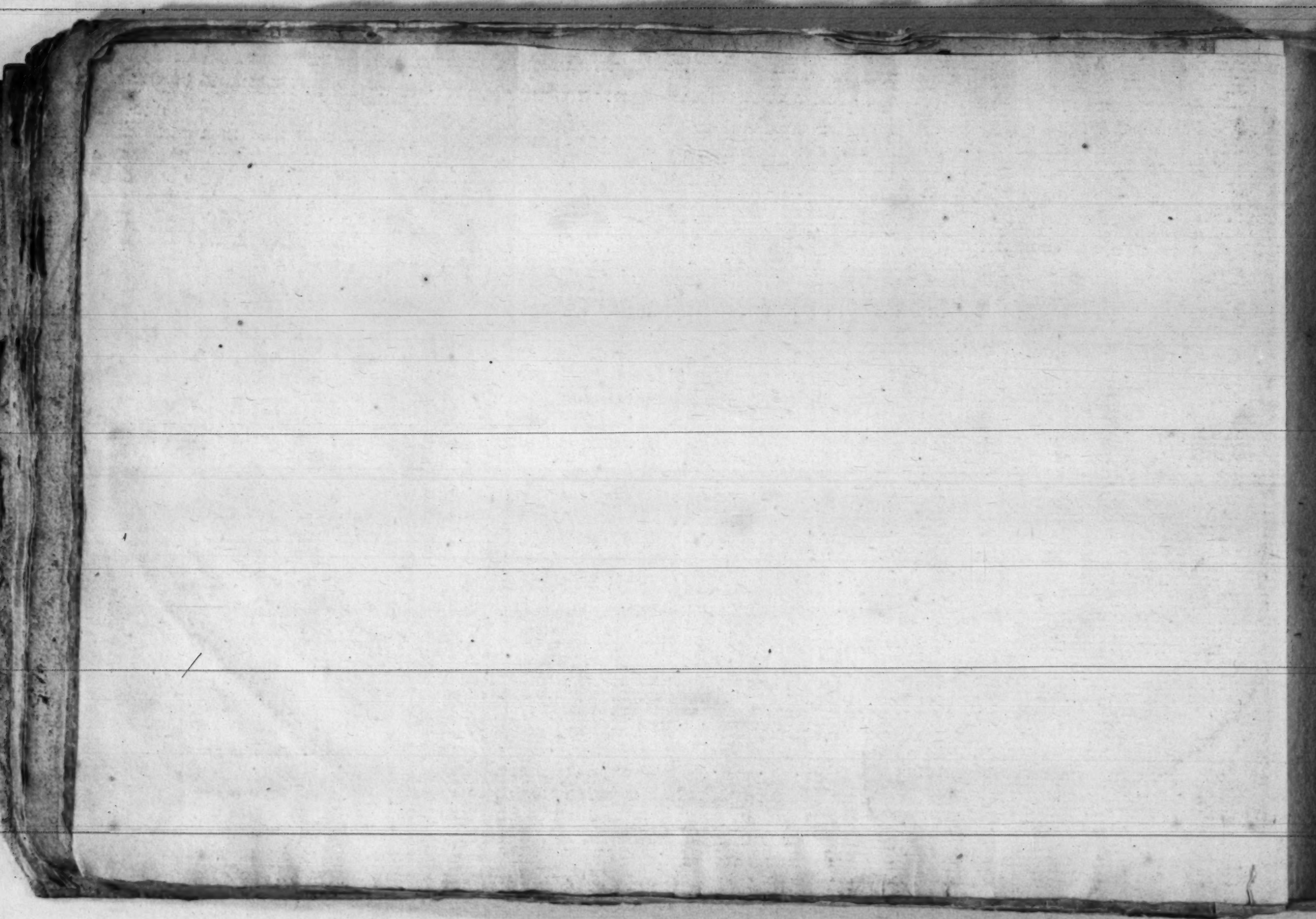


A small secretary.

Reioyce not at the fall of thine enemy, neither
let thy herte be gladd when as he stumblith, least the lord when he seeth
it be angry, and so trowe his wrath from him vnto thee. Therefore if thy
enemy hunger geue him meate, and if he thirst geue him drinke. (A) TC



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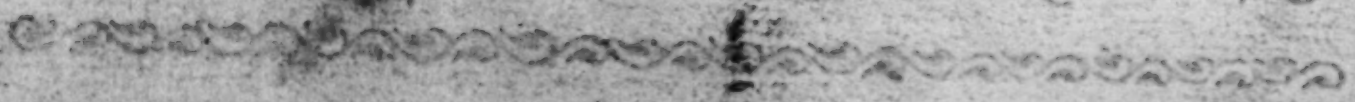
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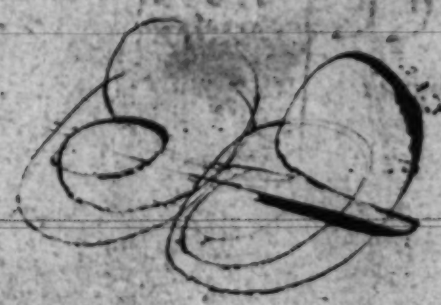


Spencer's hand, written with the left hand.

Time not with a mighty man, lest thou fall into his hand.
Do not converse with a rich man, lest he on thee weigh down
his weight. For gold and silver hath destroyed many a hart
subverted y^e hearts of kings. Time not with a man that is full of words.



a b c d e f g h i k l m n o p q r s t u v x y z





A small glossing hand

O a wise man none evil maie hapen. for he standeth vpright vnder euery
boudery: nothing maie a paine him, nothing may displease him that ought to be
borne, for what so euer hapen to man, he neuer complaineth that it hath chaunced
vnto him. All thinge ought to be forthought on, and the mynde fortified mightely.

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Remedy Hand

one inordinatly taken, troubleth mens
reafon, maketh dull understanding, & fe-
bleth remembrance. It faileth in folow-
nes, powreth in erroures, and bringeth
forth sluggishnes.

A. B. C. D. E. F. G. H.
I. K. L. M. N. O. P. Q.



Lettre pattee.



enocrates saith Slepe not without repentaunce for the sinnes
done and past. Repentance deserueth pardon. It is the duetye
of a good manne and a pointe of humanitise, to forgeue where
y part, that is forgeuen repentethe and is ashamed of his fault.

Lettre Pattee a b c d e f g h i k l m n o p q r s t v u x y z .
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The bastard Secretary.

f thou haddest the wisdom of Salomon, the bewtie of
Absolon. the puissaunce of Sampson, the long lyfe of
Enoch, the riches of Cressus, the power of Octavian;
what can all this auayle the, when the body is dead &c

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The 14th Century



It is a great pleasure to me to see the
first volume of the history of the
city of London, which has been
written by a person of so much
learning and industry.

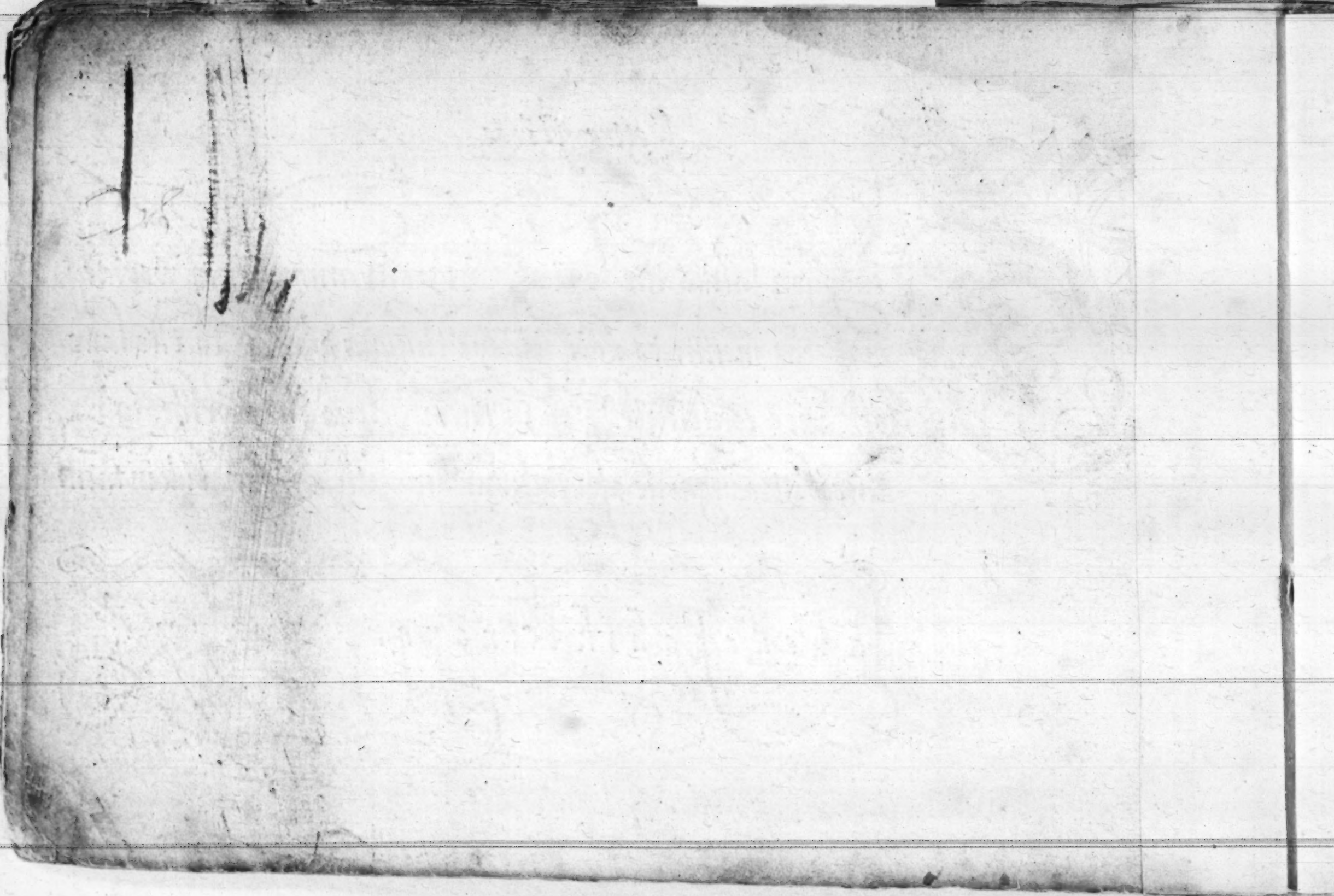
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Lettre frizee



enophon saith the loue of this uain and wicked worlde
makethe menne to dooe manye thinges cotrarie to the lawe
of theire conscience. For in them y^e loue the worlde, is
there little regarde of God: neither doth his loue abide in them

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